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Photo by Sgt. Cecile Cromartie

Some gave all ...

A float in the Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade commemorating the D-Day invasion of Normandy travels down Tejon Street Saturday. More than 1,700 Fort Carson soldiers marched in the parade. For more pictures of the parade see pages 18 and 19.

Carson helps Salvation Army spread holiday spirit

by 1st Lt. John O'Connor Fort Carson Public Affairs Office Fort Carson soldiers from the 3rd

Brigade Combat Team are joining with the community to make a difference this Thanksgiving.

Soldiers will be preparing food for 5,000 less fortunate citizens of Colorado Springs. The Salvation Army will host the Thanksgiving Community Holiday Dinner, which Fort Carson consistently supports.

Fort Carson will provide transportation for attendees, in addition to its culinary sup-

The Community Holiday Dinner is one of the largest of its kind in the country. The Salvation Army and Fort Carson join together to provide Thanksgiving meals free of charge to anyone in the community.

Meals will be available at four sites in the area. The largest site, Odd Fellows' Hall, expects to feed approximately 3,000 people. The complete Thanksgiving meal of turkey, potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberries, rolls and dessert is open to any homeless, disadvantaged individuals, families or anyone who doesn't want to spend the holiday alone.

"The primary purpose is community. It's not just a food line, it's an opportunity for the entire community to come together

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Soldiers in trouble with law after munitions found in home

by Spc. Zach Mott 14th Public Affairs Detachment

Specialist Sean Hazelwood, 60th Ordnance Company, pleaded guilty to one count with two specifications of larceny of government property at a general court martial Nov. 6.

Hazelwood was sentenced reduction in grade to E1, confinement for 12 months and a bad conduct discharge. As a result of his sentence, Hazelwood will automatically begin forfeiting all pay and allowances 14 days after sentencing.

While working at the Ammunition Holding Area, Hazelwood stole various items, to include blasting caps, detonation cords, smoke grenades, simulators and various small arms

ammunition.

As he stated in his guilty plea, Hazelwood had been stealing these items for the past three years and storing them in his off-post residence in Apollo Village Circle; which is where the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms found the stolen items.

"Under rare circumstances, do missing munitions occur," said Ginger Couden, Fort Carson spokeswoman. "When this does occur they are typically in small quantities and the munitions themselves are small items, which individually do not pose any threat."

The post has strict, thorough standard operating procedures at the Ammunition Holding Area, the Ammunition Supply Point and throughout the units for obtaining munitions.

There is a minimum number of soldiers who can draw munitions for each unit. Those soldiers must hold the rank of a noncommissioned officer (E-5) or above. They must also pass security clearances, mental stability tests and have no prior convictions.

When drawing munitions from the Ammunition Supply Point, an individual who works there always escorts soldiers. In addition, there are at least three counts of all the munitions a unit is drawing before they leave the ammunition supply point.

In an unrelated incident, Spc. David Simpson, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, was allegedly storing munitions in his off-post residence.

After a call was placed to the

Colorado Springs Polici Department regarding an allege domestic violence dispute police arrived on the scene Upon conducting a consensual search of the Simpson's home vehicle and storage shed, the CSPD found detonation cords blasting caps and a quarter of C4 brick.

Simpson was charged by the CSPD with domestic violence menacing, harassment, criminal mischief and possession and removal of explosives.

Fort Carson has taken jurisdiction from the 4th Judicia District Attorney's Office in the case. The civilian charges are expected to be dismissed. Not decision has been made on what disciplinary action, if any, with be taken.

Commander's Corner

Fort Carson observes Native American Heritage Month



"It is time for us to look closely at these divergent cultures and realize their contributions to our society."

Soriano

November is Native American Heritage Month. It is a time to reflect on the contributions of American Indians to our culture and our great nation.

Native American populations are as diverse in culture and traditions as the areas they live in. From the Inuit of the Arctic regions, to those nomadic nations that hunted the Great Plains, to the Mayan and Aztec societies of Central America and the Incas of the Andes regions, Native American nations have exhibited a rich culture that was often discounted by invading countries, which were in search of gold, silver and precious stones. It is time for us to look closely at these divergent cultures and realize their contributions to our society.

When Europeans arrived in the western hemisphere in the 15th Century, they wrongly classified these cultures as one. Writers, who often wrote about American Indians in fanciful terms rather than factual accounts, disseminated additional misinformation. Karl May, for instance, wrote about the "noble savage" Winnetou from his prison cell in Germany. The "Cowboy and Indian" movies have further perpetuated all these types of stereotypes.

The reality is that these nations and tribes are just as different as the countries in Europe, Asia and Africa are. While they sometimes shared common languages or beliefs, many of these nations had little in common with their neighbors. But they all have enriched our culture in ways we tend to forget.

Before coming to the western hemisphere, European populations were often starving. The introduction of corn and potatoes from the American Indians to the European farmers helped alleviate this problem. The turkey, now a staple at Thanksgiving, is a native North American bird, which was, to the English, so exotic that they named it after the Asian country.

Our language has been enriched by the introduction of American Indian words: kayak, moccasin, raccoon, tepee or tipi, just to name a few. Twenty-six of our states owe their name to American Indian words.

While the names of Pocahontas, Chief Seattle, Seqouya or Sacajawea have become well known, there are thousands of unnamed American Indians who have helped form this nation.

Although often exempt from mandatory military service, many American Indian men have served in the U.S. military. Among the most notable were the Code Speakers of World War II. The Japanese were very talented at cracking U.S. radio codes during the war. Navajo soldiers could communicate with each other in

Navajo, a language few outside their nation knew. As a result, thousands of American lives were saved.

Today, many American Indians proudly serve in the military, protecting our nation and helping in peacekeeping efforts around the world. Many of those soldiers have served or currently serve at Fort Carson.

Saturday, the Equal Opportunity Office is hosting a Pow Wow in conjunction with the Lone Feather Council. It is a chance for all to celebrate Native American culture in song, dance and fellowship.

Mission First ... People Always ... One Team. Bayonet!

Major Gen. Edward Soriano

Commanding General 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson

Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Sponsored by EO and the Lone Feather Council Gourd dancing 10 a.m. to noon

Grand entry — 1 to 5 p.m. Free Thanksgiving Feast to all 5 to 6 p.m.

Arts and crafts

Grand Entry — 6 to 9 p.m.

Post Physical Fitness Center

Saturday

Letter to the Editor

Spitting on the Graves of Heroes

Symbols are important. They give us a focus point for our traditions and our history. They are used to honor the brave and recognize those in our society who achieve more. Our symbols range in size and importance from the stars and stripes on our flag, to the gold medals that we award to our finest athletes, to the medals that we award to those who serve bravely in our military. Our symbols stand for the sacrifice that has been made in order to be the best. For some people, symbols such as those I've mentioned are held as sacred. They hold special meaning to those who have earned them because of the sacrifices and endeavors that they represent. Others dismiss the flag as a piece of cloth, a medal as a sign of vanity. These are the people who easily dismiss achievement in others because they have often not achieved anything themselves. They do not know the pride of accomplishment that comes with extreme endeavors. In a recent decision, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shineski, has decided that

the entire Army will soon be changing it's uniform headgear to a black beret, the traditional headgear of the U.S. Army Rangers. While this decision may seem trivial to some, it is not to those that currently serve in the Ranger Regiment or those who have served in the past. For them, this black beret represents a symbol of pride. The black beret, over the last 50 years, has become the unifying symbol of Rangers past and present. The men who have earned the right to wear it wear it with pride. These men have fought and died in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Kuwait and Mogadishu, Somalia. They have proven themselves to be the finest light infantry unit in U.S. history. They have been at the cutting edge of every conflict since World War II.

With the decision of Gen. Shineski, the pride, tradition and honor of all Rangers, living and dead is being attacked. This is yet another example of what some refer to as the "dumbing down" of our society where symbols of excellence are demeaned in the interest of making everyone else "feel good about

themselves." We don't need a military that feels good about itself. We need an Army that is well trained, fit and proud in the knowledge that it is the best. That cannot be achieved with a simple uniform change. The decision to take this symbol of heroism and give it to every member of the U.S. Army without being earned through effort and a commitment to excellence is a slap in the face to those that have served and an affront to the memories of those who have died for the proud tradition of excellence that the Rangers have earned. I hope that Gen. Shineski will change his decision before he insults the families of fallen Rangers, the memories of Ranger veterans and the pride of those who currently serve with pride in one of the proudest units that this nation has ever produced.

Eric Foltz Lake Forest, CA Sgt. 1/75 Rangers 1981-84

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News

Holiday

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during the holiday," said Salvation Army Holiday Dinner Director Gregory Williamson. "Both Fort Carson and the Salvation Army play integral roles in this event. Without our joint efforts we could not hold this important event on such a large scale."

In order to ensure the success of the Community Holiday Dinner, Fort Carson soldiers will be working nonstop three days prior to the event. In addition to the nearly 6,000 pounds of turkey, soldiers will be preparing 1,500 pounds of potatoes, 650 pounds of green beans and other complimentary items. On the day of the event Fort Carson will provide buses to transport individuals without transportation.

Major Gen. Edward Soriano, commanding general of the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, will visit the central site, Odd Fellows' Hall, 576 S. S. Union Blvd., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday.

This is the 13th Annual Community Holiday Dinner held in Colorado Springs and the eleventh that Fort Carson has participated in. Fort Carson will also provide support for the Christmas Holiday Dinner. Serving sites and times will be:

- Odd Fellows' Hall, 576 S. Union Blvd., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Marian House Soup Kitchen, 14 W. Bijou St., 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- West Odd Fellows' Hall, 2228 W. Pikes Peak Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- Fountain Valley Senior Center, 5745 South Moore Drive, Security, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Transportation will be provided for anyone interested, at the following locations:

- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs parking lot, Austin Bluffs Parkway;
- K-Mart parking lot, 3020 N. Nevada Ave.;
- Colorado College, 14 E. Cache La Poudre.;
- Marian House Soup Kitchen, 14 W. Bijou St.
- Red Cross Shelter, 709 S. Sierra Madre St.
- New Hope in the Rockies Church, 829 S. Hancock Ave.

The buses will take individuals to the central serving site at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Salvation Army is still in need of turkeys. If anyone is interested in donating turkeys, please contact Larry Messing at the Salvation Army, 636-3891 ext. 16, or drop off the turkeys at the Salvation Army, 908 Yuma St.

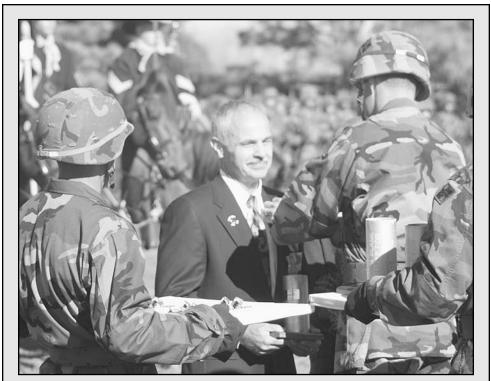


Photo by Doug Rule

Honoring heroes ...

Jerry S. Horton, veteran, Big Lake, Minn., receives the Silver Star with an oak leaf cluster for his service in the Plei Trap Valley area March 12, 1969 at Manhart Field Nov. 10. Horton was one of the seven Vietnam War veterans receiving awards they earned while assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment. The veterans also attended a 1st Bn., 8th Infantry reunion in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson. Horton is currently writing a book about his and his fellow soldiers experiences while in Vietnam.

News

Infantry barracks dedicated to Medal of Honor recipient



Photo by Spc. Zach Mott

Major Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Lopez remove the blanket covering the sign commerating McNerney Barracks.

by Spc. Zach Mott 14th Public Affairs Detachment

First Sgt. David H. McNerney Barracks have been officially opened for tenants as of Nov. 10. During a Nov. 10 ceremony, the newly renovated barracks of Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry were dedicated to McNerney.

McNerney is the lone surviving Medal of Honor recipient from 1st Bn., 8th Infantry.

When speaking about him, Lt. Col. Steven Salazar, commander, 1st Bn., 8th Infantry said, "He's a hero to the soldiers of A Company, 1/8th Infantry, he's a hero to the soldiers of this battalion, he's a hero to the soldiers of this regiment and he's an American hero."

It was during the Vietnam War that McNerney distinguished himself through actions that saved the lives of many soldiers.

"Let this barracks dedication stand as a reminder of the way warriors deal with adversity as they maintain their focus on all that is important to our Army and our way of life," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division.

Although McNerney was unable to attend the ceremony — due to an illness in his family — he did relay a message through his fellow soldier, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Lopez. McNerney and Lopez were both first sergeants in 1st Bn., 8th Infantry during the Vietnam War.

The message was that, "These barracks are truly dedicated to (McNerney's) men of Alpha Company, 1/8 (Infantry)."

There was also a piece of advice that McNerney wanted to relay to the current soldiers.

"Remember all that you have learned because someday you might be called to do that additional duty that is required of you," Lopez said as he continued to relay words from McNerney.

The spirit of the day was not lost despite McNerney's abscence.

"I've been around the Army 31 years and this is the finest honor I have seen (dedicated) to an individual soldier," Griffin said.

Community

Military Police enforce post curfew/after hours sign-in policy

by Sgt. 1st Class Robert J. Branch Provost Marshal's Office

Since 1993, Fort Carson has had an established a curfew policy for juveniles on the installation.

The need for increased parental control over juvenile family members to ensure their safety, protection, behavior, as well as the need to protect members of the Fort Carson community from misconduct by unsupervised juveniles caused the curfew to be set.

Juveniles found out after curfew are subject to detention by the Military Police. Parents will be required to pick up their family members held under these curfew rules. The curfew hours are enforced by the Military Police.

Any unmarried person under 18 will not be in a public place on Fort Carson during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6

a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 6 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Exceptions are granted if the juvenile is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian; by an adult of age 21 or older with parent/guardian permission; attending a sanctioned school, religious or government sponsored activity; medical emergenc; emergency errand or traveling directly from an on-post location to quarters, or from quarters to an off-post location.

This policy mirrors the city of Colorado Springs Curfew Ordinance.

This policy will be strictly enforced. Parents or guardians, who knowingly allow their family members or civilian juveniles to violate the policy are subject to appropriate administrative sanctions including, but not limited to, reprimand and having the privilege of occupying on-post housing terminated. Juvenile family members who violate this policy may be referred to the Juvenile Division of the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office for appropriate action.

As in the curfew policy, the gate sign-in policy is to ensure the safety, protection and good conduct. Also to protect the Fort Carson military community from the misconduct of military personnel while on the installation after hours.

This policy applies to all personnel, non-military as well as military and their dependents, who are on Fort Carson. When entering Fort Carson between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m., a 100 percent ID check will be conducted at the installation's access points and will be enforced by the

Military Police. All vehicles will be stopped at Gates 1, 4 and 20. A valid military ID cardholder must be present to be allowed entrance. If there is not a valid military ID cardholder present in the vehicle, the occupants may contact a valid military ID cardholder at the access point. The contacted person will be required to report to the gate, present a valid military ID and sign in all occupants of the vehicle.

After signing in the person(s), it is the responsibility of the ID cardholder to accompany the occupant(s) while at Fort Carson. At the end of the visit to Fort Carson, the responsible ID cardholder will escort the vehicle off the installation. Failure to comply with this policy may result in suspension from Fort Carson.



Safety comes first

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

With the new housing going up and construction continuing, there are many safety precautions to take into account. For instance, there are excavated parts of the streets and construction debris throughout Kit Carson Street which is next to Gate 2. Some other safety hazards include:

- open ground excavations for gas and cable phonelines;
 - uneven ground;
- trenches;
- construction debris;
- loose lumber and windows;

- stacks of dry wall;
- playgrounds under construction;
- equipment left outside;
- chemicals;
- construction traffic and
- no street lights.

For those who are interested in touring the new homes, there is a model home available to view. Any concerns about the construction site can be addressed by the Fort Carson Military Police at 526-2333.

Shaken Baby Syndrome: ACS helps end epidemic

Family Advocacy Program

Shaken Baby Syndrome. What is SBS? Can "rough play" with a small child cause SBS? Can attempts at cardio-pulmonary resuscitation cause some injuries associated with SBS?

The generally accepted definition of SBS is:
"Those observing the events felt the episode of shaking was so violent that the child would have to have been physically injured." Gentle shaking to waken a child or CPR does not cause retinal hemorrhages, subdural hematomas or cerebral edema, even though offenders will often say they only shook the baby to try and help him regain consciousness after a short accidental fall, this is a common excuse.

In SBS cases, the most common reason for shaking is a frustrated attempt by an adult to make the child stop crying. Unfortunately, this is an ineffective and deadly short term solution. Some children may in fact stop crying after being shaken, but this is due to sustained brain injury.

Babies are especially vulnerable to the lethal effects of shaking for two reasons:

- 1. Their neck muscles have not become fully developed and they have less control over the movement of their head.
 - 2. Whereas an adult's head accounts for approxi-

mately 10 percent of their body weight, a baby's head is disproportionately large and accounts for about 25 percent of body weight.

All children who are shaken do not necessarily sustain detectable, physical injury; however, shaking can have irreversible and even fatal effects. If the child does not die, the results can still be horrific. Shaken Baby Syndrome survivors sustain injuries ranging from "minor" brain damage, blindness, partial and full paralysis to being left in a permanent vegetative state.

Despite tremendous advances in medical science, there is still no way to regenerate brain cells and the effects of most of these injuries are irreversible.

Often a parent or caretaker will shake a crying baby out of desperation. Most babies have large heads and weak neck muscles. If shaken, they cannot control the whiplash effect of the rapid back-and-forth motion. The shaking causes the baby's brain to move around in the head, many times striking the skull wall and sometimes even becoming detached.

If babies cry a lot, try the following:

- Feed slowly and burp often.
- Offer a pacifier.
- Take the baby for a ride in a stroller or car.
- Telephone a friend to relieve stress.
- Have someone else watch the baby.

Knowingly shaking a baby, which results in injury or death will make you legally liable for criminal charges.

To report abuse, call the Social Work Service at 526-4585. For help or for more detailed information concerning this article, you may contact Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program at 526-4590.

Shaking a baby can cause serious injuries to include:

- brain swelling;
- brain damage;
- subdural hematoma;
- spinal cord injury;
- mental retardation;
- blindness or deafness
- and death.

Commissary offers everything for Thanksgiving

by Rick Brink Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — This month, Staff Sgt. Kimberly Burris is shopping at the Fort Lee, Va. commissary for her family's Thanksgiving meal. However, her eyes light up when she recalls how the commissary made possible the 1993 Thanksgiving feast she shared with more than 50 fellow soldiers at Camp Stanley, Korea.

"The soldiers in our barracks pooled our money together and told the commissary annex manager at Camp Stanley what we needed a couple weeks before Thanksgiving and he got it from Yongsan," said Burris, who teaches automated logistics at Fort Lee. "We had it all, from turkey and ham, to sweet potato pie. It was really special."

No other American holiday is more closely associated with food and getting together with friends and family than Thanksgiving, and DeCA commissaries are again ready to sell turkeys and all the other food items that will make Thanksgiving feasts happen around the world.

"Thanksgiving here is just like in the States. It's a wonderful time of sharing with our friends and neighbors and giving thanks for all the blessings that we have received throughout the year," said Michael Mertz, store director for the Sagamihara, Japan, commissary.

"Pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce, yams, collard greens — fresh from the produce department — cornbread and tons of non-dairy whip topping — everything that's needed to make the Thanksgiving dinner special — we try our best to provide for our patrons," Mertz said.

The Sagamihara Commissary lets customers select and reserve their turkeys or hams anytime dur-

ing November. The store bags and tags the reserved items and holds them until the date customers want to pick them up — usually about three days before Thanksgiving, Mertz said. The store also opens an extra day each week during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays for the customers' convenience.

Keeping track of special commissary hours and features of interest to shoppers during the holidays is easier this year for customers with Internet access. DeCA's Web site, www.commissaries.com, features pages with shopping information that the commissaries update on a regular basis.

The food commissaries sell play an active role in making military communities good places to live and work. Mertz says the commissaries efforts are a "chance to bring home to the men and women serving Americans here in Japan." All overseas commissary store directors could say the same.

Army Chaplain Maj. Steven Nelson says the commissary savings also help in the States.

The Thanksgiving Food Voucher Distribution process is one way that the commissary at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., plays a role in caring for soldiers, said Nelson, who recently transferred to Fort Lee. Money collected in Fort Huachuca units and chapels goes through the chapel non-appropriated fund, which creates vouchers that are given to soldiers through unit commanders and first sergeants.

"Thousands of dollars are multiplied in value through the good savings that we've come to expect from the commissary to provide great holiday meals," Nelson said

No food is more closely associated with Thanksgiving than turkey. Last year, DeCA commissaries sold more than \$16 million in whole turkey and turkey products, according to Charles Dowlen, one of DeCA's Marketing Business Unit buyers. All commissaries and the small annexes sell turkeys.

Efforts to get those turkeys to commissaries start months earlier at the MBU. Marketing Business Unit officials select turkey suppliers through a process that determines the best value for commissary customers. By June, the companies have sent their representatives to the stores to schedule the number of turkeys needed for the holidays. The suppliers grow and process turkeys based upon their retail commitments. The turkeys are shipped from the processing plants to distribution companies which deliver them as needed to the stores, Dowlen said.

Fort Carson Thanksgiving giveaway by 1st Lt. Kris Frutchey Garrison Adjutant

The Fort Carson Commissary and Army Community Services are working together to provide Thanksgiving meals for families.

Soldiers, in need of assistance, have been identified by the units and will receive vouchers for their meals. These vouchers can be turned into the commissary for a Thanksgiving meal Sunday starting at 9 a.m.

The meal includes a turkey; one liter of Coke or Pepsi; a box of stuffing; a box of potato spuds; a can of corn or green beans and a box of cookies.

Additionally, the first 140 soldiers in line Sunday morning will be eligible to receive a meal voucher as well, courtesy of the garrison commander. Soldiers who already have a voucher will not be eligible to participate in this giveaway. For more information call the Fort Carson Commissary at 526-5781 or ACS at 526-4590.

Fort Carson children learn dangers of smoking



Captain April Kidd, Medical Department Activity, uses a cartoon and a plastic mouth to teach children the dangers of smoking.

by Spc. Roy Gomez 14th Public Affairs Detachment

As the American Cancer Society promoted the consequences of the use of tobacco products to the nation Wednesday, the Fort Carson Medical Department Activity was focusing on a smaller group.

Captain April Kidd, Army Community Health Nurse at MEDDAC, visited classrooms at the Child and Youth Services Center Tuesday to speak to 3 to 5-year-olds about the harmful effects of tobacco products.

Kidd used a cartoon to help the children realize how dangerous smoking can be.

"The cartoon is made to create awareness in the younger children. Children ask questions about the cartoon that shows or proves they understand," Kidd said.

In addition, Kidd offered to let curious students see and touch an artificial mouth with symptoms of tobacco use

Although the children may not understand that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, they can begin to learn that smoking is bad, said Kidd.

By exposing children at a young age to the consequences of smoking, MEDDAC is hoping to lower the number of deaths related to tobacco use, especially among infants.

According to the most recent CDC report, there were 7,900 deaths among infants related to tobacco use between 1990 and 1994.

To help lower the total number of deaths related to tobacco use, the American Cancer Society offers aid to help people quit their addiction to tobacco products. The ACS can be reached at (800) 227-2345 or by visiting their Web site at www.cancer.org.

Fort Carson's Wellness Center also offers free assistance for all military personnel, retirees, Department of Defense associates and beneficiaries to quit smoking. Classes are one hour, meet once a week and last for five weeks. The center's success rate is about twice the national average, said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Carlson, noncommissioned officer in charge at the Mountain Post Wellness Center. The center can be reached at 526-3887.

Between the Army's assistance, prevention education and the ACS's Annual Great American Smokeout, which promotes health awareness, children and adults can have healthier lives by learning to avoid and quit the use of tobacco products.

Set your sights on eye, vision care benefits

TRICARE

Vision is one of the most complex systems of the human body with even more precision than the most sophisticated computer. Although it is important, the maintenance of vision is sometimes overlooked. A regular and complete eye examination is the best way to protect the future of a person's vision.

In the past as a TRICARE Prime beneficiary, eye and vision benefits had been based on certain criteria dependent on a sponsor's duty status, age and race. As of Oct. 1, TRICARE eye benefits changed.

Now, Prime beneficiaries ages 3 to 64 are allowed one comprehensive eye exam every two years (beneficiaries who are not entitled to Medicare and retain TRICARE eligibility after 65 are also eligible for the eye exam). There is no referral or copayment required if a beneficiary seeks care from a network provider.

A comprehensive eye exam on a regular basis is essential for everyone. The earlier a vision problem is diagnosed and treated, the less chance there is for vision to be negatively affected. Eye and vision screenings between birth and age five are performed as part of a child's overall physical exam. TRICARE covers newborn screenings under the mother's mater-

nity benefit.

To prepare for an eye exam, the health care provider will take a patient's medical history and ask about any eye problems he may be having. As part of the exam, special eye drops may be used to make a patient's pupils dilate or open wider. The health care provider will then test the eye's muscles to determine if eye movements are normal, as well as check peripheral, or side vision.

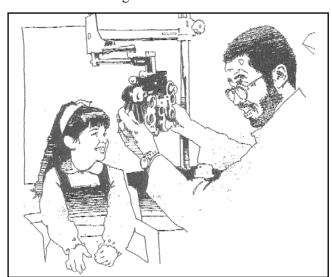
The ophthalmologist or optometrist will look into each eye with an ophthalmoscope, a special instrument that examines the interior structures of the eye including the retina; the back of the eyeball or fundus; the blood vessels; and the head of the optic nerve, which carries the images a person sees to the brain. The surface of the cornea, the outermost part of the front of the eye, will be examined for defects or scratches. The ability to focus and to see at near and far distances will also be checked.

After checking the eyeball during an exam, the next step will be to read the familiar standard eye chart, which determines how well a person can see. A numeric value is then given for each eye, such as 20/20 for excellent vision, and the results of the eye test are categorized as normal or abnormal. The

health care provider will suggest the best course of action to take if he has any concerns about a person's vision.

Like most health matters, early detection of eye disease is important for cures and treatments. Preventive health care, including eye exams, is an approach to take to keep good health within sight.

The current "basic" benefit and the well-child care benefit available to active-duty family members will remain unchanged.



Community



Chapel

The Annual Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, 10 a.m. at Soldiers' Memorial
Chapel — The Fort Carson Community is
invited to the Thanksgiving celebration An
uplifting service of scripture, historical
readings and special music is planned.

Thanksgiving Day Catholic Mass — will be celebrated Thursday, 8 a.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel

Christian Initiation — If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic faith, inquiry sessions are held the first Tuesday of every month. For information contact Deacon Bowles at 526-0333.

Catholic Religious Education — is conducted each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Classes will not meet Nov. 26 because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Youth of the Chapel — Activities for middle school and high school youths take place Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Other high school activities include Bible studies Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. A ski day is being planned for this month.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Bible studies for Protestant Women of the Chapel is a ministry for Christian women. Programs are offered at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Studies offered are: 1 Corinthians, "Train up a Mom," "Loving your Husband" and "Breaking Free." A Tuesday evening study, "The God You Are Looking For," meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. Chapel fellowship potluck is also conducted each Tuesday at 6 p.m. Child care is provided for both morning and evening studies. For information, call Patti Harris at 391-2905 or Clarissa Jackson at 576-1471.

AWANAs — The AWANAs meet Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel for children in kindergarten through sixth grades. Boys and girls are welcome. Contact Dennis Scheck at 526-5626, Susan Webb at 538-9306 or Jennifer Wake at 540-9157 for more information.

Preparation for the annual Sunday school Christmas program has begun. — New children are welcome. Sunday school is a time for children and adults to have a great time learning about God and his word. Come to Soldiers' Memorial Chapel and meet new people, share feelings about God and have some fun, Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Classes for all ages: children, youth and adults. All the coffee (or tea) you can drink and child care are free. For more information, call Dennis Scheck at 526-5626.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC											
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person						
M-W-F	8:15 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Vakoc/526-5769						
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386						
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Vakoc/526-5769						
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Vakoc/526-5769						
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Vakoc/526-5769						
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CCD	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Feldman/526-0478						
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386						
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Vakoc/526-5769						
EASTERN ORTHODOX											
Sunday	8 a.m.	Divine	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Olson/526-5772						
,		Liturgy			•						
CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN											
Thursday	7 p.m.	The "ROCK"	Spiritual	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Thornton/526-1374						
		Service	Fitness Center								
PROTESTANT											
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Slossen/526-7387						
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Drake/526-4206						
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Atkins/524-1822						
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011						
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811						
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626						
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811						
Sunday	6:30 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166						
LITURGICAL PROTESTANT											
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279						

JEWISH

For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

WICCA

2nd and 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Barkeley & Ellis Ms. Costantine-Mead/ 4th Tuesday Fitness Center (303) 428-7703

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child care is available during on-post worship services.

Daily Bible Readings

In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Saturday — Psalms 138 & Matthew 3-4 Sunday — Psalms 139 & Matthew 5-6 Monday — Psalms 140 & Matthew 7-8 Tuesday — Psalms 141 & Matthew 9-10 Wednesday — Psalms 142 & Matthew 11-12 Thursday — Psalms 143 & Matthew 13-14

Friday — Psalms 144 & Matthew 15-16

Chaplain's Corner

Commentary by Chap. (Lt. Col.) John A. Wilkes Deputy Command Chaplain

In the Book of Psalms 95, we find these words, "Let us come before him (the Lord) with thanksgiving ... come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."

This is the time of year when our hearts turn toward home. Our minds are filled with cherished memories with family and friends, the savory aroma of turkey in the oven, pumpkin pie, festive parades and college football.

In the New Testament Book of Acts, Chapter 20, we read, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Can you think of any better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than by giving of yourself and abundance of resources to others of less fortunate circumstance than yourself?

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, shares in writing "The Prison Chronicle," as few of us can: "Don't be afraid of misfortune and do not yearn after happiness. It is after all, all the same. The bitterness doesn't last forever, and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if hunger and thirst don't claw at your sides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms work, if both eyes can see, and if both ears can hear,

then whom should you envy? And why? Our envy of others devours us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart and prize above all else in the world those who love you and those you wish well ..."

Allow me to challenge us to look and reach beyond ourselves this holiday season. Your involvement in the life of another will reap eternal dividends.

At Fort Carson our chaplains and chapel programs are co-sponsoring the Holiday Food Program with Army Community Service. Over the next few weeks we will be receiving designated cash donations to provide food for soldiers and family members in need. You can participate by making a donation to the Fort Carson Consolidated Chaplains Fund and designate that amount for the "Holiday Food Program." Donations may be personally delivered or mailed to the Command Chaplains Office, Directorate of Information Management, bldg. 1550, Fort Carson, CO 80913.

Just a few days ago I received a call from Carol Soderstrom, volunteer coordinator for the Springs City Mission in Colorado Springs. They need volunteers and financial assistance this holiday season. Soderstrom indicated there is an estimated 800 homeless people in the greater Colorado Springs vicinity. They plan to feed in excess of 500 people at the City Auditorium Wednesday. Call Soderstrom at 632-1822

if you would like to volunteer or make a donation.

Operation Christmas Child is another worthy ministry opportunity currently in progress at our Fort Carson chapels in partnership with Samaritan's Purse. This program sends a message of hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift filled shoeboxes and Christian literature. Donations must be received at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel no later than noon Sunday. On the Web go to www.samaritanspurse.org and click on "Operation Christmas Child" for detailed instructions on how to prepare the gift boxes.

There is one Thanksgiving ministry moment that remains with me to this day. One Thanksgiving, our church family distributed holiday food baskets in our community. We delivered food to one particular family and wished them a happy Thanksgiving. I said, "Sure pray this food makes you a nice meal on Thanksgiving Day." The lady looked somewhat astonished at me and said, "Oh, we're not going to wait till Thanksgiving to eat this meal. I'm going to prepare it right now. You see sir; we can't wait until tomorrow because we have no food today. I hope you'll understand."

Giving thanks and making a difference one life at a time. The Lord's richest blessing be ever upon you this Thanksgiving and all the days of your life.



Photo by Spc. Socorro A. Spooner

Informing patients ...

Austrailia Prince, health systems assistant, Evans Army Community Hospital managed care division looks, at a display during National Health Information and Technology week Nov. 8 at EACH. The National Health Information and Technology Week provides health information for patients at Evans Army Community Hospital and other hospitals throughout the nation. The program promotes the use of literature and technology by patients.

Army offers online technology courses

by Joe Burlas Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty and Reserve soldiers, and Department of Army civilians can continue to take free online information technology courses thanks to a recently renewed contract between the Army and SmartForce, a commercial computer-based training company.

Since the Army first started offering the service in 1998, the course catalog has grown to offer training on more than 1,100 technical subjects.

"Rather than send people away from their jobs to half a dozen places for training, why not save time and money by having them sign up for online courses," said Lt. Col. Tom Loper, the program's project manager. "We opted to offer this education to both the civilian and soldier workforce. In an increasingly technology-based Army, these classes not only make students smarter at their jobs but give them more marketable skills for future jobs — inside or out of the military."

The program is offered on the Web at www.armycbt.army.mil. The classes range from how to use word-processor, database and spreadsheet programs for beginner through advanced users to 70 certification-preparation courses for systems administrators and computer programmers.

While all the classes are free for reg-

istered users, the program does not offer actual certifications. Arrangements for certification testing and associated testing fees — often costing several hundred dollars — must be made through commercial venders. Links to those venders are posted on the Army CBT Web page.

Additionally, many of the offered courses may qualify for college credit. Loper recommended those interested in getting college credit for SmartForce classes check with their local Army education services office to determine which classes qualify and what costs may be involved through a college or university.

Currently, the instruction is primarily text-based with some graphics and photos. SmartForce plans to offer streaming video for instructor lectures in the future when available bandwidth is large enough, Loper said. Online mentoring service is also offered on a limited basis.

To date, 70,000-plus registered Army users have used the SmartForce instruction.

To register or view the course catalog, visit the Army CBT Web site.
Registration must be made on a computer tied into an Army wide-area network using a military domain address.
However, once the registration is complete, students may log on with a student number and password at home, a local library or any other computer connected to the Internet.

Military

MGIB increases 23 percent, VEAP conversion comes back

by Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A substantial increase in Montgomery GI Bill benefits and a new window for Veterans Education Assistance Program-era soldiers to convert over to it, highlight legislative proposals signed into law by President Bill Clinton Nov. 1.

The Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000, S 1402, was approved by Congress Oct. 17. The newly signed legislation offers a hefty 23 percent benefits increase to the MGIB.

Based on the increase, the MGIB payments rise to \$650 monthly for soldiers serving three or more years on active duty. This totals to \$23,400 based on a 36-month school installment plan. For soldiers with less than a three-year commitment, the monthly rate for a full-time student is now \$528. The act also gives soldiers the option of increasing their contribution to the MGIB up to a total \$1,800 from \$1,200 while on active duty. This results in an additional \$5,400.

"The legislation, as currently written, offers MGIB soldiers great opportunities to further their education," said Lt. Col. George Richon, chief of recruiting resources branch, enlisted accessions division, deputy chief of staff, personnel.

For those interested in raising their contribution, the increase would raise the monthly education benefit from \$150 to \$800 a month or a total of \$28,800. This particular increase would take effect May 1. Those participating soldiers who retire or serve their term before May 1 must choose to make the new contribution by July 31.

The new law is also good news for VEAP-era soldiers because it creates another one-year enrollment effective immediately. Servicemembers, however, will have to contribute a total of \$2,700 to participate. This means if a soldier under the program previously contributed \$2,100, for example, he would only have to add another \$600.

The law grants eligibility for those soldiers who were ineligible four years ago to convert because their VEAP accounts were inactive meaning no money was in them.

Active-duty soldiers, who had money in their accounts, could convert from VEAP to the MGIB based on a law that took effect October 1996.

Out of an eligible 21,707 soldiers in 1996, 10,223 converted to MGIB, 550 opted not to convert and 10,934 did not respond and forfeited the opportunity to convert, an Army education Web site stated. The window to convert lasted one year.

The reason many soldiers had inactive VEAP accounts was based on a 1984 announcement that allowed them to withdraw funds and redeposit them into interest-bearing accounts, according to the Web site. Soldiers were told they could reopen their suspended VEAP account with a minimum \$25 deposit prior to separation from active duty without penalty, a PERSCOM release stated.

The conversion to MGIB is important because the government offers more money to soldiers seeking a higher education. Prior to the new law, soldiers contributed \$1,200 with the government matching nearly nine-fold.

Under VEAP — a basic educational funding program designed to assist post-Vietnam-era soldiers — soldiers contributed up to a maximum of \$2,700. The government then matched that by 2-to-1. It ran from Jan. 1, 1977

to June 30, 1985, granting soldiers a total of \$8,100. The act also increases by \$50,000 the maximum coverage under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to \$250,000.

"Details will be forthcoming," said Tom Tower, an actions officer for the office of the assistant directorate of compensation, office of the undersecretary of defense.

The military-designed term insurance benefit was last increased by \$100,000 to \$200,000 in 1992, Tower said. In 1991, it was raised by \$50,000 from the same amount, he said.

The increase in insurance reflects rising cost of living expenses incurred during the last decade, Tower said.

The SGLI increase should take effect April 1, Tower said, re-emphasizing that more detailed information is expected.

For more information on the entire act, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000 or the Veterans Administration public affairs office at (202) 273-6000. For educational affairs, call (888) 442-4551.

Additional information may also be obtained at these Web sites: www.per-scom.army.mil/education and <a href="www.p

3,740 earn November noncommissioned officer promotions

by Joe Burlas Army News Service

WASHINGTON — November promotions include 3,740 advancements to and within the noncommissioned officer corps.

The Nov. 1 enlisted promotion list authorizes 2,500 soldiers to pin on sergeant stripes, 660 to don staff sergeant chevrons, 350 to jump to sergeant first class, 170 to master sergeant and 60 to sergeant major, according to the Total Army Personnel

Despite these promotions, PERSCOM designated 44 military occupational specialties as experiencing a

shortage of sergeants for the month. Those "STAR" MOSs are: 00B, 02D, 02G, 02N, 13F, 14J, 14R, 19D, 27T, 31C, 35J, 35M, 35Y, 45T, 46Q, 51M, 51R, 54B, 55B, 62H, 63T, 63Y, 67S, 71D, 75B, 77L, 81T, 82C, 88K, 88L, 88N, 91C, 92M, 92Y, 93C, 96B, 96D, 96H, 96R, 97B, 98C, 98H, 98J, 98K.

More soldiers could have been promoted to staff sergeant as well. Those MOSs are: 00B, 14J, 33W, 51M, 52E, 55D, 77L, 88N, 93C, 96B, 96D, 96H, 97P

"STAR is not an acronym," said Sgt. Maj. Franklin D. Raby, a personnel policy integrator for the Department of the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"It refers to the asterisk that appears on promotion lists by the MOS identifier where there could have been more promotions if there had been more soldiers on a standing promotion list. The field has done a great job of reducing the number of STAR MOSs in the past few months."

The high for the sergeant promotion list in the past year has been 61 STAR MOSs in May.

The key to reducing both the sergeant and staff sergeant STAR MOS lists even further is getting qualified soldiers through a promotion board so that they get on a standing promotion list, Raby said.

45th Infantry Brigade readies for test

45th Infantry Brigade Public Affairs Office FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. — The Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade spent three rain- and mud-soaked days recently at Fort. Chaffee, Ark., preparing for Annual Training 2002 at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort.

It may seem a little early to begin training for an event that's still a year-and-a-half away, but the 45th has already been training for JRTC for more than a year. This is the second time this year that the 45th has trained at Fort Chaffee. The brigade spent two weeks in May there conducting, its Annual Training 2000. The 45th is scheduled to perform their two-week Annual Training for 2001 at Fort Chaffee in May.

A rotation through the JRTC is the most important non-combat test that an infantry brigade can undertake. The JRTC exercise is a multidimensional battle composed of a very well trained opposing force, highly skilled observer/controllers, well tailored scenarios and has no room for mistakes. And, although the 45th is a National Guard unit that has fewer than two months of annual training time, it is still expected to perform at the same level as any active-duty infantry unit.

"We must maximize our training time for exercises like the JRTC," said Col. Robbie Asher, deputy commander of the 45th Infantry Brigade.

"However, we are not just wasting money and time training for a single event. The training we do for JRTC is relevant in the real world because the JRTC's scenarios are constantly updated to simulate the conditions our troops would face in a realworld situation. So we are actually training for any active-duty mission we might be tasked with," he

The 45th currently has two rifle companies deployed on a six-month real-world peacekeeping tour in Bosnia supporting Stabilization Forces 8.

The 45th last went through the JRTC in 1992. Much has changed since then that few of those lessons can be applied to the upcoming JRTC rotation.

"In 1992, the U.S. Army was still training as if America had only one big advisory, but today we must train for numerous smaller threats," said Brig. Gen. Jerry Grizzle, commander of the 45th Infantry Brigade. He then concluded, "The dynamics of war fighting have changed tremendously over the past eight years and so have the tactics and training of the 45th Infantry Brigade and the U.S. Army. Keeping pace with these changes has kept us ready to take on any mission, whether it be helping our fellow Oklahomans recover from a natural disaster or protecting innocent civilians from a genocidal dictator."

DFAS offers W-2 advice

Army News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — The Defense Finance and Accounting Service plans to mail all calendar year 2000 Army W-2s by mid-month January 2001. Some year-end adjustments will not be included in the original W-2 but will be included in a corrected W-2 (Form W-2C).

If soldiers have reason to believe individual W-2 forms do not include all pertinent data and they have not received W-2C forms, DFAS officials said they can call their servicing finance office. Separated soldiers can call Military Pay customer service, toll-free, at (888) PAY ARMY or commercial (317) 510-2800.

Before filing federal or state tax returns, officials recommend soldiers have in their possession all W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) and W-2C forms. In addition to the W-2 for wages, some current and former soldiers will also receive an additional W-2 if they: had a do-ityourself move; participated in the Student Loan Repayment Plan*; filed a Public Law 220 Claim* or filed an Army Board of Correction Claim* (* Any of these three conditions will be combined into one W-2.)

These non-wage items are not reflected on soldiers' final 2000 Leave and Earnings Statement, officials said. Also, adjustments affected by Combat Zone Tax Exclusion entitlements may also not appear on the final LES. Soldiers should not use their final LES to file taxes. For assistance, with Army pay or LES problems, soldiers should first contact their servicing finance office. If that doesn't work, they can call the DFAS-Indianapolis Military Pay customer service at (888) PAY ARMY, DSN 699-2800 or commercial (317) 510-2800.

by Lt. Col. David M. Alegre 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Soldiers from the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), recently received the SF-10A parachute to replace the MC1-1C parachute used throughout the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (A).

Approximately two years ago, leaders in 10th SFG asked the U.S.A. Special Forces Command (A) to find a solution to problems they were having on airborne operations. Soldiers were being injured and parachutes were being damaged from the opening shock caused by the high-elevation in Colorado.

"Because of the high altitude at Fort Carson, large, fixed-wing aircraft like C-130s have to fly faster — like 140 to 160 knots — just to stay in the air at a minimal speed to drop paratroopers," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Tharp, 10th SFG (A) jumpmaster.

At low-altitude training areas such as Fort Bragg, N.C., paratroopers are normally dropped at 110-120 knots. USASFC(A) found their solution in the FS-14 parachute used by U. S. Forest Service.

Special Forces teams participating in rough-terrain jumping courses with the Forest Service used the FS-14 — a smaller, highly maneuverable, steerable chute. It was designed to steer, brake and even fly backward — it fit their requirements.

In July 1999, USASFC (A) tested several parachutes before officially deciding on the FS-14. The name and the color have changed from, blue and white to OD green, before fielding it to 10th SFG (A) began this summer.

The SF-10A has several design differences that improve maneuverability. First, instead of one large modification or "hole" in the rear of the parachute, it has 15 separate modifications: six in front, three in back and three on each side.

The SF-10A is made of a breathable material—the MC1-1C is not—and is sewn on a block design instead of a bias like the MC1-1C. Each of the SF-10A's gores—the piece of material that runs from the apex to the bottom of the canopy—is indepen-

dent of the next one — unlike the MC1-1C. This ensures the amount of pressure on each panel of each gore never exceeds 15 pounds per square inch.

If the parachute was nicked or torn while the soldier was still in the air, the design of the SF-10A ensures less damage to the entire parachute, Norbury explained. When a soldier tries to turn 360 degrees in the MC1-1C, Norbury said, it can take approximately 10-11 seconds. The same turn on the SF-10A would take five to six seconds.

Norbury explained the steering system is also improved. With the MC1-1C, when jumpers want to turn left, they pull the left toggle which changes the airflow through the steering orifice. This causes the wind to slowly push the parachute left.

On the SF-10A, each side of the canopy has three slits. When jumpers want to go left, they pull the left toggle. This closes the slits on the left side and the parachute turns much faster. This system also reduces oscillation

Because of the breathable material and modifications placed strategically around the parachute, wind penetration is better, giving the jumper greater maneuverability, said Norbury.

Finally, the rate of descent is also different,
Norbury said. A jumper weighing 200-250 pounds —
including combat equipment — would descend 13and-a-half to 14-and-a-half feet per second. A jumper
wearing the SF-10A would descend only 12 and a
half feet per second.

Because it was a new piece of equipment, it was fielded with a certification course to train soldiers on how it worked and how to use it. This is an important part of the fielding, explained Norbury. SF-10A certification consists of a one-day ground phase and three jumps.

"Most jumpers do not know how their parachutes are designed or how to use them for a safe approach and landing," Norbury emphasized during the introduction of the first SF-10A class in September.

After classroom training comes the crucial phase

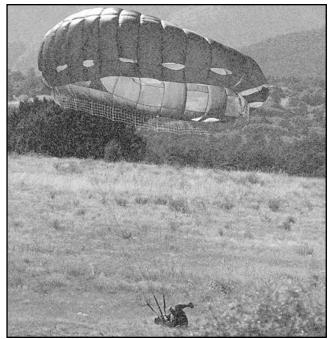


Photo courtesy of 10th Special Forces Group (A) A 10th Special Forces Group (A) soldier demonstrates a landing using the SF-10A parachute.

— the simulator. Students are placed back in the "harness." However, instead of using ropes and pulleys to simulate a landing, instructors use a virtual reality headset wired to a computer.

"There is no reason you can't steer this parachute, designed with all the capabilities that it has, right into the target area (of about 50 meters diameter) just like the Forest Service guys do," Norbury explained.

According to Tharp, the SF-10A Certification Committee conducted 27 airborne operations in 17 days, exiting 418 jumpers without a single injury or incident. Norbury said a similar exercise with the MC1-1C would typically result in 12-18 jumpers injured and damage to 20 to 40 percent of the parachutes.

FEATURE

Veterans Day brings out the troops

by Spc. Zach Mott 14th Public Affairs Detachment

As the snow crept down the mountains Saturday, more than 1,700 Fort Carson soldiers marched in the annual Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade.

Soldiers representing the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Special Forces Group, 2nd Brigade 91st Division and 43rd Area Support Group combined to make up the Mountain Post contingent at the

There was a total of 61 entries in this year's parade. Some of those included the Air Force Band of the Rockies, veterans' groups and marching bands.

"We are truly fortunate to live in Colorado Springs, a city that supports the military — and in particular Fort Carson — so very well," said Maj. Gen. Edward Soriano, commanding general

of the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson. "It's a privilege to participate in the parade and experience firsthand the community's appreciation of our soldiers."

In addition to the marchers in the parade, Fort Carson provided soldiers for a firing detail in a downtown ceremony, an escort for a wreath laying ceremony and a detail to repaint a tank at the Shrine Remembrance near Memorial Park.

Despite the cold, spectators lined Tejon Street waving American flags cheering for every servicemember, both past and present.

"Veterans Day is the time for all of us to reflect and express our appreciation for the fierce dedication of the many soldiers who serve in our ranks today and to thank them for the sacrifices they make each and every day," Soriano said.

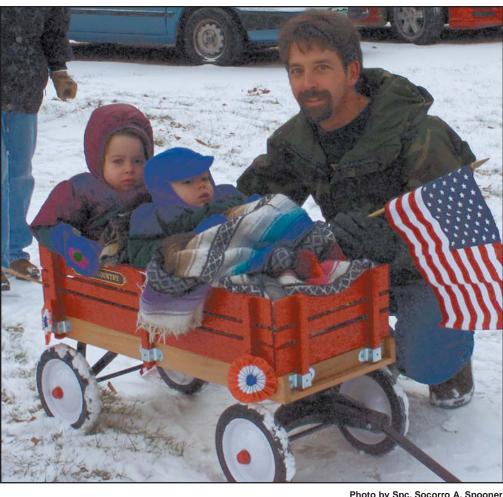


Photo by Spc. Socorro A. Spooner Joe Cotner, veteran, accompanies his children Jacob and Corena in honoring America's veterans at the Veterans Day Parade Saturday.



Fort Carson soldiers representing all units on the Mountain Post r



Photo by Spc. Socorro A. Spooner



Leading the Fort Carson marchers, Maj. Gen the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, ma

Sergeant Maj. James Hurst, Chief, Food Management Operations noncommissioned officer, takes wife, Eloisa, for a ride in the 7th Infantry Division 3/4 ton truck during the Veterans Day Parade.

'Bulldogs' go Hollywood

by 2nd Lt. Barrcary Lane 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry

Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry demonstrated how they exceed the standard Army-wide when they were filmed by the Department of the Army public affairs office Oct. 24.

The film was created to show new soldiers joining the Army what day-to-day maintenance operations are like at Fort Carson. It will show soldiers throughout the Army what a mechanized infantry platoon encounters while working with the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. The 1st Bn., 12th Infantry was hand picked over 19 other units for this special opportunity.

The platoon was honored to be chosen for this and was more than willing to show off the Warrior standard which resulted in a Battalion Organizational Readiness Rate average of 95 percent for fiscal 2000. This is an unbelievably high OR Rate, directly attributed to the high Warrior standards focused on a sturdy foundation of leadership, training, maintaining, caring and safety. The 1st Bn., 12th Infantry's solid maintenance program can be summed up best in the "Warrior Standards Card" that soldiers proudly carry in their right

breast pocket at all times.

The 1st Bn., 12th Infantry noncommissioned officer in charge was Sgt. 1st Class Robert Baird of the Cobra Platoon. His platoon showed the many different operational checks and movement procedures of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle during Assembly Area Operations. Other procedures performed were Bradley function checks, preventive maintenance checks and services to -10 standards, ground guide procedures, and movement techniques.

Private1st Class Sydney Kathcart said, "I am glad that they (advanced individual training soldiers) get to see what an infantry unit is all about, because the infantry is where the rubber meets the road."

At the end of the day, maintenance was again done above standard in the Cobra Platoon and the standard was filmed for all other Army units to watch and learn.

As with all platoons in the Warrior Battalion, maintenance is a full-blown military operation as important and involved as any other operation the 1st Bn., 12th Infantry unit undertakes.

4th Engineer Battalion soldiers exceed standard at NTC

by 1st Lt. Eric R. Swenson Company C, 4th Engineer Battalion

The sappers of Charlie Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, recently redeployed from the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., with their heads high. First Platoon, Charlie Company, which provides engineer support to Task Force 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, stopped the forward detachment of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment dead in its tracks during the hasty defense. Task Force 1st Bn., 12th Inf. had the mission to defend the central corridor against an attacking enemy regiment. Together with Team A, 1st Bn., 12th Inf., First Platoon developed an engagement area vicinity of the Iron Triangle to turn the enemy into the middle of the central corridor.

The enemy committed its forward detachment, approximately one battalion, to penetrate the 114 Wadi and maneuver along the north wall. Unbeknownst to the enemy, first platoon spent 24 hours emplacing multiple obstacles to turn the enemy. The obstacles, covered with deadly direct fire, "killed" 24 enemy vehicles. Mine strikes alone killed seven enemy vehicles, including two T-80 tanks. The enemy did not know the extent of the obstacles nor that the obstacles were anchored into the terrain and covered by direct fire. Thanks to Charlie Company's Assault and Obstacle Platoon, Team A had an excellent survivability position in which to engage the enemy. The enemy never had the opportunity to turn into the central corridor; instead, dying in place at the feet of First Platoon's complex obstacles and Team A's direct fire.

Casting call out for 2001 U.S. Army Soldier Show

by Harriet Rice U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center

WASHINGTON — As the curtain falls on the 2000 U.S. Army Soldier Show, the process of recruiting and selecting the 2001 cast members begins.

Active duty and reserve component soldiers with a minimum of one year left in service after January 2001 are eligible to apply and must submit their packages by Dec. 31.

What does it take? First, submission of a VHS performance videotape, not more than 10 minutes in length that shows a soldier's talent to their best advantage. Looks, dress, stage presence, music ability, versatility and rhythmic movement are all important

"Next year's theme will revolve around stories of soldiers' lives, so if a soldier has an interesting life story to share, include that somehow on the audition tape," says the show's artistic director, Ron Campbell Smith. He added, "Please, no renditions of the national anthem. We get more than 70 tapes to review, so we are happy when soldiers choose a variety of music to perform."

And there's usually everything from salsa to opera, which accounts for the variety of music in the show itself. One of the reasons the Soldier Show appeals to audiences of more than 100,000 during its six months' tour of the United States and overseas between May and November, officials say.

"With the ever-growing diversity in the Army and in America, we are always glad to have soldiers who can sing in languages other than English," says Smith.

The show also needs technicians with resumes that show experience in stage management, stage lighting and audio engineering.

Applicants aren't judged on talent and experience alone, officials say. They must demonstrate that they are top-notch soldiers with letters of recommen-

dation from someone in their chain of command.

The selection panel that convenes in mid-winter is made up of senior noncommissioned officers, soldier peers (past cast members), professionals from the entertainment industry, Army Entertainment Division staff and staff members of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

No package is complete without paperwork, and there are the usual forms to fill out as well as commanders' consent letters. Attachment to USACFSC for duty with the U.S. Army Soldier Show is a sixmonth tour similar to a deployment. The Soldier Show is operated as a military unit with a commander and first sergeant. Military discipline and protocol are the rule, even though once the curtain is up, the spotlights lit and the music plays, all cast members perform onstage as equals, without regard to rank.

The onstage part is only the tip of the iceberg. Soldier Show cast members double as the moving crew — setting up and dismantling 15 tons of stage platform, stage trusses, lights, audio consoles, computers and cables at up to 60 locations. Add to that long hours, traveling and sometimes sleeping on a 44-passenger bus, rehearsals, scarce privacy and cast members have what one sergeant major of the Army described as "the toughest duty outside of combat."

But there are rewards as well. In addition to the days off in exciting cities like New York, there are the smiles of delight, the standing ovations, the thank yous from veterans and retirees, the adoring looks from children, the pride of friends and family and the amazement of fellow soldiers that such a wealth of talent exists in the Army.

Application details are online at www.armymwr.com; click on Army Entertainment, U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Editor's note: For the past three years, Fort Carson soldiers have been selected to participate in the U.S. Army Soldier Show as performers and stage technicians.

Audition requirements/hints

Application package/performers:

1/2" VHS performance videotape Records brief (or 2A/2-1) Commander's letter of release (179 days) DA 3/4 length official photo Entertainment resume References/letters of recommendation

Application package/technicians:

Technical resume/portfolio
Records brief (or 2A/2-1)
Commander's letter of release (179 days)
DA 3/4 length official photo
References/letters of recommendation
Deadline: Dec. 31

Send to:

U.S. Army Soldier Show ATTN: 2001 Selection Committee P.O. Box 439 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Video Hints:

- 1. Introduce yourself. Briefly tell why you deserve to be a member of the cast. Speak up and don't mumble.
 - 2. Use musical accompaniment for vocals.
- 3. Be original. The committee sees and hears at least 20 versions of the national anthem each year. Perform material that will catch their attention.
- 4. Variety is your friend. Perform more than one style of music. Make sure one number is fast tempo. If you can dance, show it. If you play an instrument, play it. If you can sing in another language, do it.
 - 5. Edit your tape. Don't send the mistakes.
- 6. Dress the part. Show that you take pride in being a soldier and an entertainer.
- 7. Ask for help from your local Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff.

\$how me the money

by Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Hunnell (reprinted from 1998)

The following information is provided to get you thinking about future purchases. Certain items are traditionally discounted by department stores, retailers and merchants during the months indicated.

If you are planning to buy a certain article, why not arrange your purchase to when you can save the most money. This will make you a wiser consumer. Save this announcement, it could be useful throughout the year.

appliances • bicycles/toys • blankets books • refrigerators • dishes • furniture handbags • housewares • toiletries carpets • sportswear • stereos • water heaters • infant wear FEBRUARY cars (used) • bedding • furniture silverware • glassware • drapes • lamps dishes • men's shirts • housewares MARCH

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APRIL

dresses • ranges • men's suits • infant
wear • clothes dryer

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linens • TV sets • carpets • handbags blankets

TV sets • furniture • dresses • frozen foods building materials

bathing suits • freezers • appliances clothing • infant wear • carpets/rugs handbags • men's shirts • toilteries • sports equipment • air conditioners

furniture • men's clothing • rugs/carpets housewares • air conditioners bedding • bathing suits • paint curtains/drapes • garden equipment

AUGUST _

fans • furs • hardware camping equipment

SEPTEMBER

cars (new) • bicycles • china • furniture children's clothing • rugs/carpets • paint lamps • housewares • garden equipment

OCTOBER

glassware • silverware • bicycles • china fishing equipment

NOVEMBER

blankets • cars (used) • ranges • men's suits water heaters • bicycles • children clothing

DECEMBER

blankets • cars (used) • men's clothes children's clothes

An additional reminder is to contact your unit command financial noncommissioned officer when you are faced with questions about Army Emergency Relief and the many agencies within Army Community Services.

Dining Schedule

Weekday Dining Facilities A La Carte Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040) 3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461) 3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061) Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

Standard Facilities

3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161) 10th Special Forces Group (building 7481)

Weekday Meal Hours

Mon., Tue. and Wed.

Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Week of Nov. 18 to Nov. 24

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility is open for breakfast and lunch only.
- Patton House Dining Facility will serve the breakfast and lunch meals only from Nov. 20 to
- 10th SFG meal hours are the same Tuesday through Wednesday. It will not serve dinner on Thanksgiving Day.
- Mountaineer Inn Dining Facility is closed until Nov. 27.

Family members are cordially invited to dine at Fort Carson dining facilities.

Weekend and Nov. 24 Training **Holiday Dining Facilities**

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040) 3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461) 3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)

Saturday and Nov. 24 Training **Holiday Meal Hours**

Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner

Sunday Brunch/Supper Meal Hours

Brunch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supper 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Menu

Shrimp Cocktail • Roast Turkey Baked Ham • Steamship Round

Mashed Potatoes • Candied Sweet Potatoes Seasoned Vegetables • Savory Bread Dressing

Cornbread Dressing • Giblet Gravy

Breads • Salads Apple Pie • Pecan Pie

Pumpkin Pie • Beverages

10th Special Forces Group (building 7481) Breakfast 8 to 9 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch Dinner 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)

3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)

3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)

All active duty members, retirees, guests of active-duty members and family members of sergeant and above pay the standard rate of \$5.20.

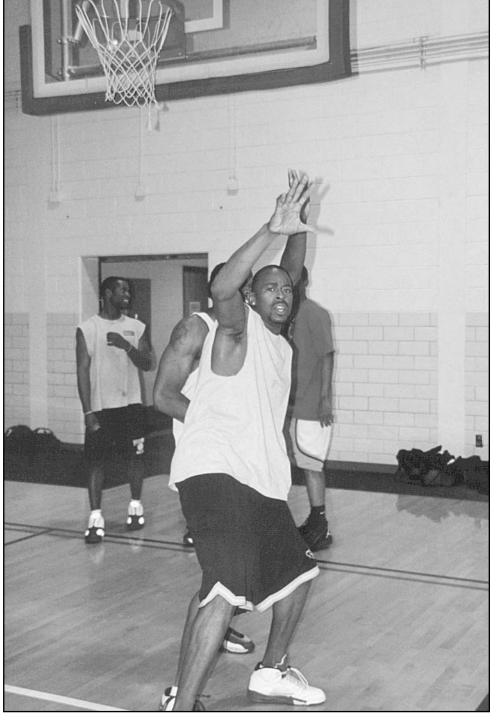
Family members of corporals, specialists and below pay the discount holiday rate of \$4.30.

Sports & Leisure

Post varsity team off to 10-2 start



Mountaineer men's basketball coach Robert Burton, left, shows Darrell Conquest how a person will try to back him down to the basket and how to defend against it.



Mountaineer center Vernon O'neal practices his low post moves recently at McKibben Physical Fitness Center.

by Walt Johnson Mountaineer staff

The post men's basketball team has raced to an impressive 10-2 start this year, including an impressive tournament win Saturday and Sunday in New

The post team went to Alamagordo Saturday and Sunday and won six of seven games to take the championship at the Holloman Air Force Base tournament. The post team's only loss came to a team from Alburquerque in overtime. The post team lost that game, their second game of the tournament, 87-86 and then won five straight games to capture the tournament title.

The post team did not have an easy road to the championship. After winning its first game against Alamagordo by 27 points, the post team lost the thrilling game to Albuquerque. Carson then ran off victories over Fort Bliss, Texas and Alburquerque before they would meet the host team, Holloman AFB, in the first championship game.

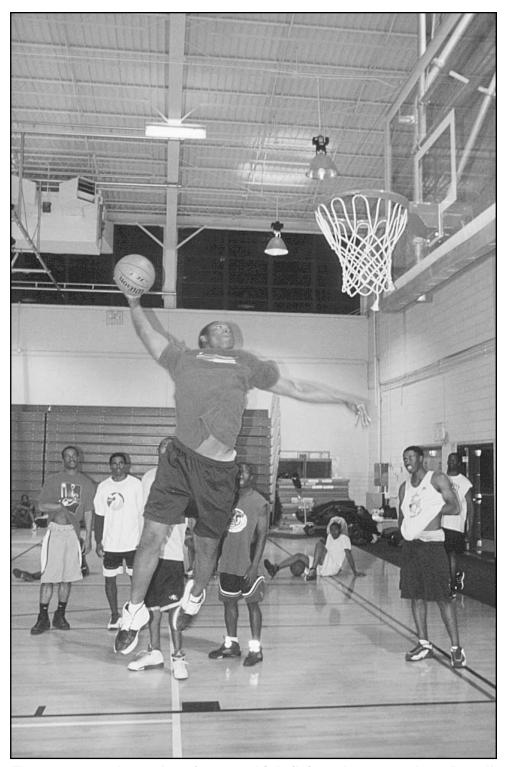
The post team needed to beat Holloman to force a decisive game to decide the championship and it did just that, defeating Holloman by 12 points, 69-57.

The victory forced the two teams into a winner-take-all championship game that would bring out the best in both teams. The teams fought back and forth until they found themselves tied at 65 with four seconds left in the game.

Facing the possibility of an overtime game on the home team's court was not what the Mountaineers had in mind. Coach Don Pitts drew up a play that freed James Sanders for a game winning layup that made the long ride back to Colorado Springs enjoyable.

The Mountaineers got a monster effort from Vernon O'Neal who was selected the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Lamain Anderson, who was selected to the all-tournament

The Mountaineers will take their high flying act on the road again today at 4 p.m. when they participate in the Air Force Academy college level invitational tournament. Action will continue Saturday and Sunday at the Academy gym.



The post team has a lot of young, high-flying players such as Ranell Green who goes flying in for a dunk during the team's recent practice

On the Bench

Post intramural football playoffs begin Saturday

Gang, its been a while since I have written about "that team from Texas" and apparently some people think that I am getting soft on them. Let me assure all of my fellow "that team from Texas" haters that in no way have I



Johnson

softened my disdain for South America's team. I'ts just hard to work up a good disdain when they are playing teams that are worse than they are. However, this week the "boys" should get theirs when they go into Baltimore to meet the Ravens. Boy am

I going to enjoy this tail kicking!

The sports office has announced it will hold a Christmas basketball tournament this year Dec. 29 to 31.

The tournament will be open to post level caliber teams. It will be held in a double elimination format. Only eight teams will be allowed in the tournament which will have an entry fee of \$125. The entry fee must be paid by Dec. 16.

The team roster can have a maximum of 14 players. Awards will be presented for first, second and third place finishers. For more information on the tournament, contact Josh Mitchell at 526-2411.

The Fort Carson varsity sports program is looking for coaches to

submit resumes for the following sports:

Men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, volleyball and softball, boxing, wrestling, rugby, fast pitch softball and running. Anyone interested in coaching a particular team should contact Richard Baldwin at 526-2151.

The Colorado Gold Kings professional hockey team will host Topeka tonight at the World Arena.

The Gold Kings will also face the Topeka club Saturday before hitting the road next week. Their next home game after Saturday will be Nov. 30 when they welcome Tacoma into the World Arena.

For more information on the Gold Kings, go to their Web site at coloradogoldkings.com.

Don't forget the following teams will be playing in this year's intramural football playoffs beginning Saturday at 9 a.m.

All games will be at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. Contact Josh Mitchell at 526-2411 to get game times and field assignments.

66th Military Intelligence; Headquarters, Support Company; 52nd Engineers; 4th Finance, Charlie Battery 3rd Squadron, 29th Field Artillery; Supply and Transportation Troop; Alpha Company 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry; United States Army Garrison; Bravo

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Photo by Walt Johnson

Fort Carson Tridents youth swimming team member Jordan Davis has qualified for eight state swimming events so far this year.

Bench

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Company, 4th Engineers; 10th Special Forces; Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; 183rd Maintenance; Charlie Company, 4th Engineers; 43rd Combat Engineer Company; 4th Personnel Services Battalion; Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor; Services, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery; Eagle Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR; Dining Facility; Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR; Medical Department Activity;, Alpha Company, 4th Engineers; 759th Military Police; and Bravo Company

The Department of Community Activities Sports office will sponsor the annual Frozen Turkey Trot race Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center.

The race is open to all active duty military members, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. Medals and frozen turkeys will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers. There will also be a half-mile kids run with ribbons awarded to all the youth runners.

Additionally, a trophy will be awarded to the battalion and squadron with the most finishers and there will be frozen turkeys given to the oldest and youngest runners and the largest family that participates in the event.

Pre-registration is underway at the Post Physical Fitness Center. People can register for the race Wednesday from 9 to 10:45 a.m. For more details contact the sports office at 526-2151 or 526-1023.

The World Class Athlete Program boxing team will be taking 10 members of the Mountain Post community and other boxers to the Police Athletic League championship in December.

Basheer Abdullah, WCAP head boxing coach will lead a team featuring light heavyweight Olympic prospect Deandre Abron into the PAL championship. Other members of the Mountain Post competing will be John Medina and Marshall Christmas.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Aerobics classes at Forrest ...

Forrest Fitness Center aerobics instructor Penny Bullard takes people through a kick boxing class recently. Aerobics classes are now free for all military identification card holders at Forrest. The class schedule is: Monday through Thursday at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.; Friday at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pigskin Picks

College/NFL Week 12



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Dallas at Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Dallas	Baltimore
Carolina at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Carolina	Minnesota
Detroit at N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	Detroit	N.Y. Giants
Tampa Bay at Chicago	Chicago	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Kansas City	Buffalo	Kansas City	Kansas City	Buffalo
Cincinnati at New England	New England	New England	New England	New England
Oakland at New Orleans	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	New Orleans
Indianapolis at Green Bay	Green Bay	Indianapolis	Green Bay	Indianapolis
Atlanta at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
N.Y. Jets at Miami	Miami	Miami	N.Y. Jets	Miami
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Washington at St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Washington

Mountaineer Sports Spotlight

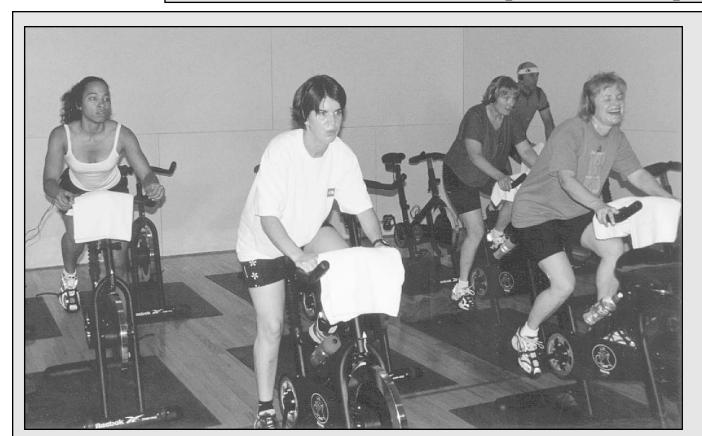


Photo by Walt Johnson

Spinning classes free at Forrest Fitness Center ...

Members of the Fort Carson community take advantage of the free spinning classes held daily at Forrest Fitness Center. Classes are held Monday at 5 p.m. with Jamie Loggins; Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with Gina Casanova; Wednesday at 5 p.m. with Gina or Jamie; Thursday at 3:30 p.m. with Gina; Friday at 4 p.m. with Gina and Saturday at 9:30 with Ron Casanova.

ProRodeo Hall of Fame honors cowboys



A statue of cowboy Casey Tibbs, entitled "The Champ," is in front of the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

he American sport of rodeo got its start as a diversion for working cowboys who dared each other to ride a certain bronco, or bragged about who was quicker with a lariat.

The first rodeo competition which offered a prize was in 1869, in Deer Trail. In early contests, cowboys competed for the prize of a new suit of clothes.

Cowboys from one ranch would challenge another ranch, and people from miles around would come to watch the competition.

The advent of "dime store novels" romanticized cowboy lore and spread its popularity. Rodeos gave the cowboys a chance to show off and spectators could see a bit of the Old West.

As more people settled the West, the railroads transported livestock, cattle drives (and cowboys) became more scarce.



A collection of costumes and artifacts belonging to Mamie Frances Hafley, a trick rider, shooter and horse diver in Wild West shows, is in the Cowboy Museum area.

But the popular contests continued as frontier celebrations were established, such as in Cheyenne, Wyo. Gold belt buckles were given as prizes to rodeo event winners, and more events were added, such as trick riding or trick roping.

Rodeo events took to the road, and were popular in Chicago, New York, Europe and Australia.

There was a new breed of cowboy
— rather than a challenge between
friends or neighboring ranches, rodeo
competition became a full-time occupation. Rules were standardized.

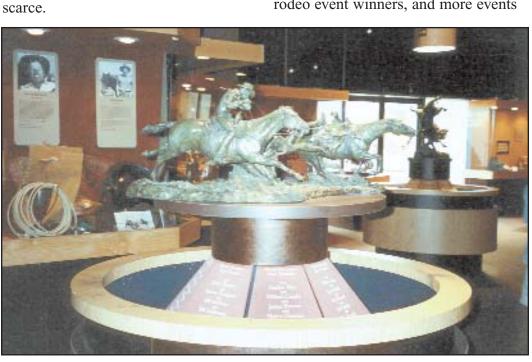
But it was hard to make a living as a rodeo cowboy in the early part of the 20th century — often entry fees were more than the prize money.

In the mid 40s, the cowboys banded together, walked out of the arena and got organized.

Today, rodeo cowboys are members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Some cowboys went on to be famous in other ways, such as movie and singing star Gene Autry. Will

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A bronze sculpture depicting team calf-roping is one of many pieces of art in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.



A pull-out section for the Fort Carson community

November 17, 2000

Happenings

ProRodeo

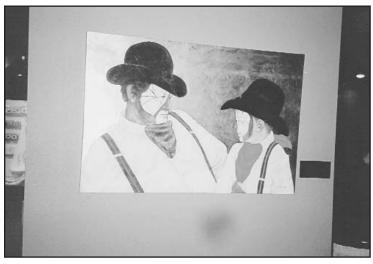
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Rogers started as a trick roper. Movie star Ben Johnson was once a roper and actor Slim Pickens also started out as a rodeo cowboy.

Colorado Springs has two major rodeo events each summer: the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in August as well as the Little Britches Rodeo Finals.

Colorado Springs is home to the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy, the only such facility in the world.

Visitors to the facility are given a guided tour of the displays in the Museum of the American



A portrait of a rodeo clown and his son, painted by Rodeo Clown David Kofer, is in the hall of fame.



A collection of rodeo clown memorabilia is included in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.



Personal belongings and equipment owned by champion cowboys are displayed in the cavernous Hall of Fame.

Cowboy.

The exhibits currently in the museum include an exhibit about Mamie Frances Hafley, who was a trick shooter, trick rider and would dive off a platform on her horse. Early West showmen, such as Buffalo Bill Cody and and Shawnee Bill, are also shown in the exhibit. Other exhibits in the

museum depict cowboy boots, jeans, pictures, saddles and other equipment.

A 15- minute film on the history of rodeo is shown, as well as a film about modern rodeo competitions.

Some 10,000 cowboys compete in PRCA sanctioned rodeos today — about one-third of them are full time.

A PRCA sanctioned rodeo must have five competitive events: bareback riding, calf roping, bull dogging, team roping and bull riding.

The National and World Finals are in Las Vegas each year. This year's finals are Dec. 1 to 10.

After seeing the museum and the films, visitors enter the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame facility was completed in 1979, and 69 people were inducted the first year. Fourteen animal contestants were also added that year. Honorees include announcers, bullfighters, clowns and behind-the-scenes contractors and workers as well as rodeo contestants.

Honorees' trophies and personal belongings, such as belt buckles, saddles, hats and boots, are on display in the hall. Every world champion since 1929 is mentioned in special areas honoring each event. Current world champions displays are featured.

Western art, sculpture and paintings are throughout the hall.

Background sounds are provided by a rodeo announcer's banter and the sound effects of a rodeo.

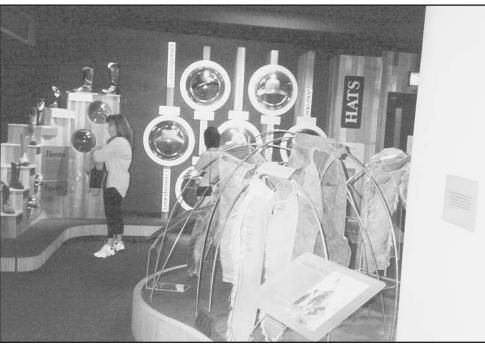
Exit the hall of fame to the outdoor garden area. A practice "steer" allows young visitors a chance to try their hand at roping.

Two Longhorn cattle, Mama Do and Baby Do, are housed in pens near the gar-

den area.

After a stroll in the garden area, visitors exit through the museum store for a selection of unique western and rodeo souvenirs and gift items. A book department offers a selection of books pertaining to rodeos, cowboys and cooking.

Clothing selections in the store range from T-shirts and gloves to children's clothing. A selection of belt



Exhibits depicting clothing and equipment used by cowboys over the years are in the Cowboy Museum.



A visitor tries his hand at steer roping in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame garden area.

buckles and videos is available.

Cups, pillows, key chains, toys and horse statuettes are also in the well-stocked gift shop, as well as candles, pillows and other gifts.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. It is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Admission for adults is \$6. Children 5 to 12 are admitted for \$3. Children under age 5 are free.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame is located at 101 ProRodeo Drive. It is reached by taking exit 147 off Interstate 25 north.

Just the Facts

• Travel time 20 minutes

• For ages

• Type Rodeo museum

• Fun factor ★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)

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\$ = Less than \$20

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(Based on a family of four)

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ailable to help active duty, family ees and Department of Defense civilproblems. For registration and more all 526-0449.

scellaneous

Memorial Chapel will hold a Service Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. The uniform with four-in-hand tie.

oid zone sale is scheduled for Nov. 30 30 p.m. Inspection for the sale will be d 29. Bids will be accepted during the od. For more information, call 526-

Carson Officer's Wive's Association suits through Dec. 23. There are two for \$13. They will also hold a Tour of n Dec. 7 after the St. Nick's Tea which .m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. is a drive which helps to collect preen through child sponsorship. For

ion on the function or Tea, call 390-214. For more information on the suits

Carson Main Post Exchange will Under the Influence Prevention booth a.m. to 3 p.m. and a DUI simulator a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information ol and Drug Control Office at 526-

Students and their parents are invited to attend an information meeting designed to assist high school students interested in applying to a service academy or for a college scholarship through the ROTC program. The meeting will be Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Air Force Academy's Association of Graduates, at Doolittle Hall. To make a reservation, or for questions, call Maj. Gay Harrison at 522-0663. There will also be a meeting Dec. 27 in Pueblo from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Retired Enlisted Association building, at 3913 Sadalwood St. For more information about the Pueblo meeting call (719) 784-6729. The Colorado Self-Help and Resource **Exchange** is a program designed to off-set the cost of

4590. Fountain-Fort Carson High School has begun collecting toys to be donated during the holiday season. Toys can be dropped off at the high school's main office at 900 Jimmy Camp Road in Fountain.

The toy drive ends Dec. 13.

food in the Colorado Springs area. For every two

food package for \$15, which usually is worth

hours of time volunteers give, they can purchase a

between \$25 and \$50. For more information call 526-

Centers will no longer process enrollment for the TRICARE family member dental plan. After that date, United Concordia Companies, Inc. will begin accepting new applications for enrollment. Those who are currently enrolled in the TFMDP who desire coverage before Feb. 1 must complete an enrollment application before Nov. 18. For more information call Evans Army Community Hospital at 526-7295.

Provider Chapel located on the corner of Ellis

and Barkeley is offering Spanish Bible study classes

from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday. For more informa-

Beginning Saturday, military Personnel Service

tion, call 526-3711 or 579-8477. The Fort Carson Keystone Club is sponsoring two forums for Army teens. The first forum, for middle school grades, will be Nov. 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. The second forum will be for high school grades, and will be Dec. 1 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Both

forums will be at the Child and Youth Services

Building. If there are any questions call Jay

McKinney at 526-3368.

Help for Single Parent Families. Family Advocacy is now offering assistance and problem solving for single parents Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in building 1526. Group discussions are held to address divorce recovery, remarriage, money management, stress, massage therapy and much more. Free child care and pizza are available. For more information call 526-4590.

Volkswagen owners — The following schedule has been established to rally all Volkswagen owners

Volunteer bell ringers are needed

526-7246.

Kettle Drive. The Salvation Army despe volunteer bellringers to man the Salvati Christmas Kettles beginning Friday. For are available seven days a week at more tions around Colorado Springs through you, your family or organization would teer, please call 328-0110 or pick up an The Salvation Army at 908 Yuma St.

exhaustion of her available paid leave. information, call 526-7246. Annual leave donors are needed for Setzer, an employee of MEDDAC. The ed to help cover his absence due to the

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School District 11 Community Ed

Windows, intermediate ballroom and L self-hypnosis, managing rental property keepsake albums and more. Call 520-23 information about classes and registrati

offering a number of courses to the con

November. Offerings include Microsoft

The Cheyenne Community Adult rently registering for the fall semester. offered range from Introduction to Italia Photography to Microsoft Word. For turn tion, call 475-6100.

Youth

The YMCA downtown will host a Cream Shoppe Dec. 10 from 1 to 2:30 tary children 2 to 10 years old. The cos includes crafts, gifts, ice cream sundaes from Santa Claus. For more information 9620, ext. 130.

The Salvation Army Red Shield (Center offers after-school recreation ac area residents. The center is open Mono Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. for school-age to 9 p.m. for senior high school student Membership for the center is \$2 per qu Fitness Center. For more information, stopher Korpela at 526-5476. ers of the Commanding General's y Excellence Award. The winner in the

was the Longknife Dining Facility, 3rd

lry Regiment. In the large category is

unition supply point, ammunition

and the ammunition inspection point

Car Sales Lot has been moved to the

king lot. Parking is restricted to cars

icks with approved Fort Carson perre issued at a cost of \$10 for a 30-day

re information call 524-1146.

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ficers new to the Mountain Post.

Briefing today at 1:30 p.m. at

Dec. 4 to 8 for a mandatory 100 per-

For more information, call Chief

er Robert Long at 526-4381.

e of the 3rd ACR.

ther, the ceremony will be held at the

Food Pantry.

on-call NCO/officer at pager 279-3675 or 1st Lt. Brian Ketz at 526-6230/4558.

tion, call 526-1002 or 526-0640.

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The Barracks Phone Service is now offering

The Army Career and Alumni Program is holding a bake sale every Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday through Dec. 20 from 7:30 to noon and 1

to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the Fort Carson

The Army Career and Alumni Program

Center is holding a recruiting session for telecommunications and IT positions Nov. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon in building 1118, room 133. For more informa-

Army retirees — to apply for a Colorado Special Interest U.S. Army license plate there must be a guarantee of at least 250 people to commit to buying the plates. There will be a one-time charge of \$35

payable at the time of the registration of the vehicle(s). Applications should be in by March. If approved, the plates will be issued starting in January Persons willing to commit need to send their

of sets to: Richard G. Waken, Sgt. Major (retired), 9790 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80260. Phone: (303) 451-0084; e-mail: mopo@uswest.net .

new phone features. For a low monthly charge you can have caller ID, call waiting, automatic call back, three-way calling, speed dialing and call hold added For a limited time, if you come into the Barracks

Phone Center to sign up for service, add the new phone features to your existing service, or switch from the local phone company service. There will be a \$200 weekly drawing for six weeks. For more information visit the Barracks Phone Center at building 1851, Porter St., or call the on-site representatives at

Here's a chance for career civilians to become more valuable to your organization and the Army. Join the team of future leaders who are graduates of the Army Management Staff College. Eligible are: Centrally funded DA civilians, GS 12-14s, with high potential and desire to make a difference (GS-11s The next class is in May — slots go fast. Take a few minutes to apply now on-line for the Sustaining

Prepatory School needs 100 sponsors you are an E-7 or above; 0-3 or above; above, and would like to apply, call Cap Skinner at 339-9345 or Alice Franey at

227-4586, extension 7353.

The Army Career and Alumni Pr **Center** now has set times for clearing. through Wednesday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. and

p.m., Thursday 9 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to

Friday 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m

1118, room 182. Registration is require

Army Career and Alumni Program. For

scheduled for Dec. 29 at the Colorado S

Wyndham Hotel. This event is open to

of the four service academies. Tickets a

person, and include dinner and dancing

gram is offering scholarships up to \$16

\$450 for books and a monthly stipend of

more information, call Capt. Brian Jam

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mation, call 526-1002.

questions, call 526-1002 or 526-0640, o Web page <u>www.carson.army.mil/ACAP</u> The Sergeant Audie Murphy Clul dar is as follows:

All meetings are held monthly on the Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Mountain Post Wellness Center on the conference room in the Family Readine

Induction ceremonies and rehearsal McMahon Theater. All other events are the main conference room of building 1 information, call 526-2409 or 526-3887

Reminder to all outprocessing sol sonnel are required to begin outprocess lation 30 days prior to the date on the o less of marital status or unit obligations Carson Outprocessing Center is located floor of the Welcome Center, building 1 information call 526-4462.

Editor's note: The deadline for sub "Briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. I publication date.

The Armed Services YMCA offers Step

closings due to pavement projects. will be closed through Jan. 30. building 2160 to Titus, will be closed Velson, from Magrath to building 8142,

torate of Public Works announces the

ater. This briefing is mandatory for all

ay until Feb. 28. Butts Road overlay, the Route 1 and 5 intersection, from an. 15. For more information call at 526-5115 or 526-9222.

Combat Engineer Company will be s chamber training Nov. 28 at range 72.

Army Garrison is looking for soldiers **Opportunities for Single Soldiers**

s are needed for the "adopt-a-school"

eetings are on the second and fourth each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at . For more information on how you

or if you have ideas, concerns or

ctive in the BOSS program, particintact Spc. Amy Hafford at 524-BOSS

Aerobics classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Meadows Park Center from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The

may apply by exception).

cost is \$6 for a two-month session. The Deerfield

p.m., Wednesdays at 5:40 a.m. and 5 p. at 3:30 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m. and Satu a.m. Classes are 50 minutes long, and f should arrive five minutes early. For mo Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., as ee Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 333-4497 for are \$8 for adults, \$5 for military and 12.

Theater ook as "Mark Twain" is Saturday at 8

tes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call ickets.

Musical Castle is at the Colorado

Barney

tart at \$11; call 576-2626 or check the .barneyonline.com .

Arena Nov. 27 through 29, at 7 p.m.

Disney on ice ating show, "Disney on Ice" is at the

Denver Dec. 6 through 10. Tickets go 830-TIXS or the Web site: nIce.com. Tickets start at \$12.75.

al tour of "Annie" is in Denver Jan. 5

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Smokebrush Theatre "Harvey," the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy is

for tickets.

performed in the Smokebrush Center theater at 235 S. Nevada Ave, starting Wednesday through Dec. 27. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 444-0884 for tickets. More theater

"Crimes of the Heart," is presented in Lon

Chaney Theater in the City Auditorium downtown, Nov. 24 and 25, Dec. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. A 2 p.m. matinee is Dec. 10. Call 573-7411 for tickets which start at \$10. University theater

Theatreworks at Colorado University Colorado

Springs presents "Angel Street" through Nov. 26. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m, and Sundays at 4 p.m. Admission is \$15, at the Dwire Theatre on campus. Call 262-3232 for tickets.

Christmas is coming

A Colorado Springs tradition, "Christmas Pops

on Ice" is at the World Arena Dec. 16, at 2 and 8 p.m. The Christmas show features the Broadmoor Skating Club and the Colorado Springs Symphony. Tickets start at \$21; call 576-2626.

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Christmas season in Pueblo. More than entries parade through downtown Puebl

the Sangre de Cristo Art Center on San downtown Pueblo. The tribute to the se 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and at 2 p.m. D tickets, call (719) 542-1211. A "Kurt Bestor Christmas" is De

It years the Parade of Lights officially

"Dance Noel" is a seasonal ballet

Pikes Peak Center. Call 520-SHOW for about tickets. "Ghosts of Christmas Past" is pre-

at 6 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Cr District Museum. Call (719) 689-3324 information.

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for this musical. "Jekyll and Hyde" th

Broadway nights "Show Boat" is set for Pikes Peak

the Pikes Peak Center Feb. 12 and 13. (SHOW. "Footloose" is set for March 30 Ticket information available at 520-909

Academy concert

Upcoming concerts at the Air Force Arnold Hall Theater include "Big Bad" Daddy" Jan. 27 and "Porgy and Bess" Tickets are available at 333-4497, and p \$15.



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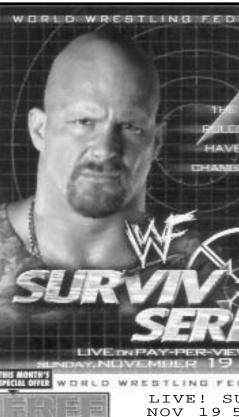
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Mountain Post Magazine: Stories on and

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Program times will be published in *Mountaineer* provided coordination is reweek prior to publication.

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If you have ideas for Mountain Post contact 1st Lt. Nadia Calderolli at 526-1 2941, or e-mail Nadia.Calderolli@carso

If you wish to have a training video on Channel 9 only, contact the Regiona Support Center at 526-5111.

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